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Production of Wheat
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a substantial decline has been registered in the production of wheat in the current year in comparison to that of last two years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage the farmers to increase the production of wheat with the help of various agricultural schemes, Minimum Support Price and crop insurance schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): After achieving record production of 95.85 million tonnes of wheat in 2013-14, total production in wheat in the country during 2014-15 declined to 86.53 million tonnes. The decline in production of wheat during 2014-15 has been mainly on account of un-seasonal rains/hailstorms during February/March 2015. Despite unfavorable temperature conditions at the time of sowing as well as at the time of flowering of wheat and deficient monsoon rainfall leading to problem of water shortage in reservoirs, total production of wheat in the country is estimated at 94.04 million tonnes (3rd Advance Estimates) i.e. an increase of 7.51 million tonnes over the previous year.

The State-wise details of the production of wheat in the country during 2013-14 to 2015-16 are given in Annexure.

(b): In order to increase production of wheat in the country, the Government of India is implementing through State Governments, several Crop Development Schemes/Programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM) − Wheat, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) etc.

To achieve higher productivity of agricultural crops including wheat, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is conducting basic and strategic research relating to crop improvement, production and protection technologies suitable to different situations including development of location-specific varieties/hybrids and technologies.

Further, to encourage farmers for cultivation of wheat by ensuring remunerative prices, the Government has increases Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat from Rs.1450/- per quintal during Rabi Marketing Season (RMS), 2015-16 to Rs.1525/- per quintal for RMS, 2016-17.